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U.S. APPLICATION NO (ILKNOWN . 8° 1° 0° CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. 26 July 2002 18 July 2003 PCT/EP2003/007870 METHOD FOR INCREASING YIELD IN THE PRODUCTION OF POLYVALENT TITLE OF INVENTION ALCOHOLS BY SPLITTING BY-PRODUCTS CONTAINING ACETAL Alexander WARTINI; Tilman SIRCH; Johann-Peter MELDER; Matthias DERNBACH APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. x This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. x A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) a. x is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. x An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). a. | x | is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). b Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 8, x An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. x An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. x A preliminary amendment. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 14. A substitute specification. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 17 A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. x Other items or information: International Search Report (ISR); International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER)-German language

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U. S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to a and to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER PCT/EP2003/007870 12810-00012-US 21 The following fees are submitted: Applicant Use Office Use Only a) Basic national fee x \$300.00 300.00 х b) Examination fee \$200.00 200.00 х c) Search fee\$500.00 500.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = 1,000.00 Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. Number of each additional 50 or fraction Total Sheets Evtra chaete DATE thereof (round up to a whole number 16 - 100 = x \$250.00 Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)). NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS RATE Total claims 20-29 = n 50.00 0.00 Independent claims 1-4 = 0 200.00 ~ 5 0.00 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable) TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = 1,000,00 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. 1,000.00 Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (ft)). TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = 1 000 00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be 40 00 accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = 1.040.00 Amount to be refunded: Amount to be charged: A check in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 22-0185 in the amount of \$ 1,040.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0185 . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the international Application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Matthew J Mason NAME CUSTOMER NUMBER: 30678 44,904 REGISTRATION NUMBER